

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP03/13123

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl.¹ C12N15/09, C07K16/18, A61K39/395, A61P7/00, A61P31/12,
A61P35/00, A61P37/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
JSTplus (JOIS), MEDLINE (STN), WPI (DIALOG), BIOSIS (DIALOG)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	FRANCOIS, C. et al., Construction of a bispecific antibody reacting with the alpha- and beta-chains of the human IL-2 receptor., J.Immunol., Vol.150, No.10, pages 4610 to 4619(1993)	1-4 5-19, 21, 22 23-35, 37, 38
X	LU, D. et al., Di-diabody: a novel tetravalent bispecific antibody molecule by design., J.Immunol.Methods, Vol.279, Nos.1 to 2, pages 219 to 232(2003 August)	1 2-19, 21, 22 23-35, 37, 38
X	LU, D. et al., Fab-scFv fusion protein: an efficient approach to production of bispecific antibody fragments., J.Immunol.Methods, Vol.267, No.2, pages 213 to 226(2002)	1 2-19, 21, 22 23-35, 37, 38

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

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C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y	KIM, S.H. et al., Mammalian type I interferon receptors consists of two subunits: IFN α 1 and IFN α 2, Gene, Vol.196, Nos.1 to 2, pages 279 to 286(1997)	2-19,21,22
X A	SEGAL, D.M. et al., Introduction: bispecific antibodies., J.Immunol.Methods, Vol.248, Nos.1 to 2, pages 1 to 6(2001)	1 2-19,21-35, 37,38
X A	CARTER P., Bispecific human IgG by design., J.Immunol.Methods, Vol.248, Nos.1 to 2, pages 7 to 15(2001)	1 2-19,21-35, 37,38

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 20, 36
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
They pertain to methods for treatment of the human body by therapy.
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Claims have:

(1) inventions relating to "a bispecific antibody having an activity of substituting for the ligand function of a receptor containing heteromolecules" as set forth in claims 2 to 19, 21 and 22; and

(2) inventions relating to "a bispecific antibody recognizing both of an enzyme and its substrate" as set forth in claims 23 to 35, 37 and 38.

These groups of inventions are common to each other in nothing but being a bispecific antibody (double specific antibody). As reported by the following documents 1 and 2, however, double specific antibodies had been publicly known before the application and thus cannot be (continued to extra sheet)

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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considered as a special technical feature in accordance with PCT Rule 13.2. Thus, these groups of inventions are not considered as being so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. Such being the case, claims of the present case have 2 groups of inventions.

Document 1: J. Immunol., Vol.150, No.10, pp.4610-4619 (1993)

Document 2: J. Immunol Methods, Vol.248, No.1-2, pp.1-6 (2001)